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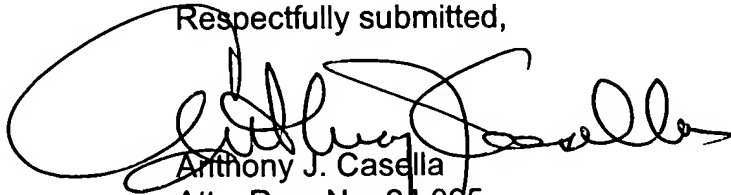
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A copy of Form PTO-1449 accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement. Four (4) references are listed that may be considered in evaluating the patentability of the claims of the above-referenced application. These references were cited in the International Search Report for the PCT application on which the subject application is based. The references relate to filtration systems in general. Copies of the foreign references are attached.

Consideration of this statement is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to consider this prior art during the examination and to make the references of record.

If there are any questions or if additional information is required, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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